



UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
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In re Application of :  
S. Hinuma, et al : PETITION TO  
Serial No.: 09/576,290 : WITHDRAW HOLDING OF  
Filed: May 23, 2000 : ABANDONMENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 47476-DIV (70342) :

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This is in response to applicants' petition, filed September 4, 2002, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

On December 12, 2001, an Office action was mailed to applicant. On August 25, 2002, an Notice of Abandonment for failure to respond to the Office letter mailed December 12, 2001 was mailed. On September 4, 2002, the present petition was filed. Applicant asserts that the response was timely filed on March 12, 2002 by Facsimile. The petition was accompanied with a copy of the Auto-Reply. Applicant's statement and evidence have been carefully reviewed. The response filed on March 12, 2002 is deemed timely. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

Petition GRANTED.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for consideration after mailing of this decision.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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